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Political Factions.

The leaders of the various political parties, cliques and factions in this city have already commenced to scheme and wire-pull for the spoils of office that are to be divided at the coming election. There are about a dozen distinctive political organizations in the city, each one of which expects either to run candidates of its own for legislative and county offices, or else to sell out its influence and strength on the best attainable terms. A specimen of this class was exhibited at the Union Square meeting on Monday evening. It is this multiplicity of factions and the necessity under which each candidate labors of "conciliating" several of them, that leads to the corruption which characterizes all our local elections, and which has made them a scandal throughout the country. There is a little knot of politicians at the head of each one of these factions, who control the votes and barter and sell them as if they were a merchantable commodity. If a man is ambitious to go to the Assembly, or if he desires a city office, he must make up his mind to resort to, or wink at, bribery and every other disreputable device that can be used for the procurement of support from the politicians who control the factional organizations. It is true that the people have the power to break up this corrupt and shameful practice, but unfortunately they have hitherto manifested a disposition to let the politicians have their own way rather than to take the trouble of correcting the evil. So long as this indifference is manifested, we need look for nothing else than the continued disgrace of the city and the plundering of its treasury by unscrupulous and dishonest officials. Not only that, but we may expect to suffer the continued humiliation of seeing the elective power taken away from the city by the Legislature, because of the apparent incapacity of the former to govern itself properly. We allude to this matter now, in order to attract public attention to it in time, and, if possible, to secure a reform by inducing the people to take the political affairs of the city out of the hands of discreditable politicians. Will the people this Fall say to the politicians, "Thus far shalt thou go and no further!" or will they permit the present corrupt practices to go on until Albany shall have the full and exclusive guardianship of this city? It is to me to make a reform movement in the right direction.

New York Radical Convention.

The Republican State Convention, which convened yesterday in Syracuse, will undoubtedly place itself fairly upon the Radical platform. Its entire action yesterday points in that direction. Last year Mr. GANNETT labored hard to induce the Convention to adopt a Radical platform, but Mr. WARD was too strong for him and the Convention bore a Conservative complexion. Mr. WARD is not there now, however, nor is any of his conservative friends. Mr. GANNETT therefore has matters well in hand so far as the general management of the body is concerned, and its action will, of course, bear his impress. It is well that this should be so. The majority of the Republican party in this State certainly endorse Congress and oppose the President, and they ought to assert their principles manfully, without any attempt at evasion, in order that the people may not be misled about the ground which they really hold. The only political issue now is upon the respective national policies of the President and Congress, and a straightforward declaration of principles upon both sides will leave no chance for blushing, after the election shall be held, with regard to the preference of New York Republicans. The proceedings of the Convention yesterday were of a preliminary character; the nominations will be made, and the platform adopted to-day.

A Slow Convention.

The Philadelphia Convention of Southern men is making but little headway in its business. Three days have already been consumed, and yet nothing practical has been done. The programme of the Convention is a copy of that which the Conservatives lately used in Philadelphia, and therefore there is nothing special to be done with the exception of preparing a string of resolutions, and adopting an address to the people. The committees having these matters in charge will, it is understood, be ready to report to-morrow, and the fusion of the Northern and Southern varieties of loyalists will then occur. To the casual observer it would seem that the Southern gentlemen are slighting those from the Northern States who have been sent to Philadelphia to meet with them. The latter have apparently nothing to do, and are hanging about the hotels waiting for the signal for the fusion. But WARD, BURLIN, KELLY, and a number of other prominent Radicals have been occupying honorary places in the Convention, and the proceedings of that body are doubtless progressing satisfactorily to its Northern friends. There is one thing about this gathering which cannot fail to impress itself upon the minds of all impartial men. That is the discord and jar which mark nearly everything that it has done, and in which it differs so widely from the Conservative Convention. The "Southern loyalists" are supposed to be all of one mind with regard to the disapproval of the Administration, and yet their meeting has so far been anything but harmonious. In fact there are strong symptoms of a stirring time when the question of adopting the negro suffrage policy comes up for consideration. The only substantial difference between the Radicals and Conservatives is upon this point, and if the Convention shall fail to plant itself upon the suffrage platform it will have done nothing worthy of notice. The proceedings of to-day will probably decide the action to be taken in this matter, and we shall therefore look for them with considerable interest.

Southern Talk.

The Northern Radicals of the GAMMON and PHILLIPS school aided the Southern extremists in poisoning the minds of the Southern people with the heresy of disunion; and the said extremists never seem disposed to return the favor by assisting the Radicals in their efforts to delay the work of reconstruction. Such language as the following, from the Pittsburgh (Pa.) Express, is so full of malice and rebel spirit that it is well calculated to aid the Radicals in substantiating their charges about the feeling of the Southern people. The extract is from an article upon the Convention now in session at Philadelphia:

"The certainty of being hereafter bound in chain and consigned forever to political damnation will, we hope, infuse the members to

madness. They cannot but see that the day of their salvation has passed, and that of retribution has come. We trust that the utmost spirit of rancor and poison may be infused into their deliberations; that their resolutions may be filled with gall and wormwood; that Brownlow may subdue all his former achievements in vulgaritv and Billingsgate; that Stevens may hurl firebrands at the head of Andrew Johnson, and clamor for the blood of Davis, and all the leaders of the "rebellion"; that the virtuous Douglass may expiate at large on the political whoredoms of his master Virginia, and that all may combine their efforts to the elevation of the negro over the white race."

The Radicals want no better political capital than such utterances as the above, for they can hold them up to the Northern people as an expression of the tempest pervading the South and as an evidence of the necessity of the Radical policy. If the Radicals maintain the political ascendancy, they will have good cause to thank such journals as the Petersburg Express.

The Excise Law.

The test cases involving the constitutionality of the Excise Law were submitted to the full bench of the Supreme Court on Tuesday, and the decision is promised to-day. Six cases, which are believed to cover all the points at issue, will be passed upon by the Court. All of the Judges are known to hold opinions confirming the validity of the law, but in the decision they will doubtless state their views elaborately, and the public will have an opportunity of comparing their argument with that of the redoubtable CARDOZO. The Court of Appeals will be ready to take up the question as it is disposed of by the Supreme Court, and their final verdict may be expected within the next two or three weeks. Those liquor-drinkers who have defiantly violated the law are now beginning to see that their best friends were those who frankly told them at the outset what they might expect. Some of them, we learn, are severing in their denunciations of CARDOZO and his famous "decision," and well they may be, for he is chiefly responsible for the predicament in which they now find themselves.

Escape of Fenian Prisoners.

The Fenian Head Centre, Murphy, and five of his companions, have given the Canadian authorities the slip. They broke jail at Cornwall on Sunday last, and made their way to Ogdensburg, where they arrived safely next day. They left for their homes in the West by the afternoon train, being accompanied to the depot by a large number of Fenians. They managed their escape by raising a plank off the floor in one of the passages, and dug their way out beneath the jail wall. The hole, as they left it, is a nicely rounded one, about four feet deep on each side, and four feet in length under the wall. They are supposed to have taken advantage of a severe thunder storm, which lasted for a couple of hours after midnight on Sunday. The beat of one of the sentries was within a few feet of the spot where they broke ground in coming out, but it is thought that the sentry must have been in his box taking shelter from the rain, a circumstance which was doubtless shrewdly anticipated. This escape is to be a very humiliating master. The jail has been condemned for its insecurity by the inspectors, yet the feeling cannot be restrained that there has been a gross laxity of vigilance on the part of the jail officials. The Fenian prisoners remaining are Keys, Kelly and Harrelson. These gave the alarm about 4 A. M. They say they knew nothing of the jail breaking and escape of their fellow-prisoners until they missed them on awaking. There will, it is said, be an early investigation into the affair.

Steam Railroad to Summit of Mount Washington.

A steam railway is being built on the West of Mount Washington, running to the Summit. It is near the site of the old Fabry Hotel. A half mile has been completed, and was tried last week with complete success. The track has two smooth rails, and between them lies a wrought iron ladder, in which the feet of the clogged driving wheels find a firm hold. The ascent is one foot in three. Excellent time was made, and the brakes placed the car under the most complete control. A new hotel is to be erected at once, capable of accommodating 1,000 persons! New Yorkers approaching the White Mountains next season via the Connecticut River Valley, will be speedily placed on the Summit of Mount Washington by a mode not "dreamed of" in the old "philosophies!" No mode is so dangerous, and none so tedious as on horseback over rocky break-neck bridle paths. The mode of mountain ascent is revolutionized by this invaluable invention.

Financial News, Markets, &c.

New York Wednesday, Sept. 6, 6 P. M.——The afternoon quotations of the general Stock market, compared with those of yesterday afternoon, show a decline in prices of from 1 to 1 per cent. Governments were steady about yesterday's quotations. Gold closed at 146 $\frac{1}{2}$. In money call-bonds ranged from 3 to 5 per cent., with the bulk of the business at 4 per cent., and prime discounts were done at 5 to 6 per cent. Foreign exchange sold at 105 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 106 $\frac{1}{2}$ for prime bankers' sterling. On "Change to-day" flour was 16c. to 18c. lower on inferior and high grades, and quite firm for medium grades. Wheat was quiet and 2c. to 3c. lower. Corn was scarcely so firm. Oats were dull. Pork was firmer. Beef was steady. Lard was dull and heavy, and Whiskey was quiet.

STOCK SALES—FIRST BOARD.

2000 U. S. \$1. sp. 112 40 Nassau Bk. 110 1000 U. S. \$2. 111 1/2 90 Quicksilver M. 50 $\frac{1}{2}$ 1000 do. 112 1/2 1000 Gold, Wash. 20 $\frac{1}{2}$ 1000 do. 113 1/2 1000 do. 114 1/2 1000 do. 115 1/2 1000 do. 116 1/2 1000 do. 117 1/2 1000 U. S. 10-40 $\frac{1}{2}$. 50c. 118 1/2 1000 do. 119 1/2 1000 do. 120 1/2 1000 do. 121 1/2 1000 do. 122 1/2 1000 do. 123 1/2 1000 do. 124 1/2 1000 do. 125 1/2 1000 do. 126 1/2 1000 do. 127 1/2 1000 do. 128 1/2 1000 do. 129 1/2 1000 do. 130 1/2 1000 do. 131 1/2 1000 do. 132 1/2 1000 do. 133 1/2 1000 do. 134 1/2 1000 do. 135 1/2 1000 do. 136 1/2 1000 do. 137 1/2 1000 do. 138 1/2 1000 do. 139 1/2 1000 do. 140 1/2 1000 do. 141 1/2 1000 do. 142 1/2 1000 do. 143 1/2 1000 do. 144 1/2 1000 do. 145 1/2 1000 do. 146 1/2 1000 do. 147 1/2 1000 do. 148 1/2 1000 do. 149 1/2 1000 do. 150 1/2 1000 do. 151 1/2 1000 do. 152 1/2 1000 do. 153 1/2 1000 do. 154 1/2 1000 do. 155 1/2 1000 do. 156 1/2 1000 do. 157 1/2 1000 do. 158 1/2 1000 do. 159 1/2 1000 do. 160 1/2 1000 do. 161 1/2 1000 do. 162 1/2 1000 do. 163 1/2 1000 do. 164 1/2 1000 do. 165 1/2 1000 do. 166 1/2 1000 do. 167 1/2 1000 do. 168 1/2 1000 do. 169 1/2 1000 do. 170 1/2 1000 do. 171 1/2 1000 do. 172 1/2 1000 do. 173 1/2 1000 do. 174 1/2 1000 do. 175 1/2 1000 do. 176 1/2 1000 do. 177 1/2 1000 do. 178 1/2 1000 do. 179 1/2 1000 do. 180 1/2 1000 do. 181 1/2 1000 do. 182 1/2 1000 do. 183 1/2 1000 do. 184 1/2 1000 do. 185 1/2 1000 do. 186 1/2 1000 do. 187 1/2 1000 do. 188 1/2 1000 do. 189 1/2 1000 do. 190 1/2 1000 do. 191 1/2 1000 do. 192 1/2 1000 do. 193 1/2 1000 do. 194 1/2 1000 do. 195 1/2 1000 do. 196 1/2 1000 do. 197 1/2 1000 do. 198 1/2 1000 do. 199 1/2 1000 do. 200 1/2 1000 do. 201 1/2 1000 do. 202 1/2 1000 do. 203 1/2 1000 do. 204 1/2 1000 do. 205 1/2 1000 do. 206 1/2 1000 do. 207 1/2 1000 do. 208 1/2 1000 do. 209 1/2 1000 do. 210 1/2 1000 do. 211 1/2 1000 do. 212 1/2 1000 do. 213 1/2 1000 do. 214 1/2 1000 do. 215 1/2 1000 do. 216 1/2 1000 do. 217 1/2 1000 do. 218 1/2 1000 do. 219 1/2 1000 do. 220 1/2 1000 do. 221 1/2 1000 do. 222 1/2 1000 do. 223 1/2 1000 do. 224 1/2 1000 do. 225 1/2 1000 do. 226 1/2 1000 do. 227 1/2 1000 do. 228 1/2 1000 do. 229 1/2 1000 do. 230 1/2 1000 do. 231 1/2 1000 do. 232 1/2 1000 do. 233 1/2 1000 do. 234 1/2 1000 do. 235 1/2 1000 do. 236 1/2 1000 do. 237 1/2 1000 do. 238 1/2 1000 do. 239 1/2 1000 do. 240 1/2 1000 do. 241 1/2 1000 do. 242 1/2 1000 do. 243 1/2 1000 do. 244 1/2 1000 do. 245 1/2 1000 do. 246 1/2 1000 do. 247 1/2 1000 do. 248 1/2 1000 do. 249 1/2 1000 do. 250 1/2 1000 do. 251 1/2 1000 do. 252 1/2 1000 do. 253 1/2 1000 do. 254 1/2 1000 do. 255 1/2 1000 do. 256 1/2 1000 do. 257 1/2 1000 do. 258 1/2 1000 do. 259 1/2 1000 do. 260 1/2 1000 do. 261 1/2 1000 do. 262 1/2 1000 do. 263 1/2 1000 do. 264 1/2 1000 do. 265 1/2 1000 do. 266 1/2 1000 do. 267 1/2 1000 do. 268 1/2 1000 do. 269 1/2 1000 do. 270 1/2 1000 do. 271 1/2 1000 do. 272 1/2 1000 do. 273 1/2 1000 do. 274 1/2 1000 do. 275 1/2 1000 do. 276 1/2 1000 do. 277 1/2 1000 do. 278 1/2 1000 do. 279 1/2 1000 do. 280 1/2 1000 do. 281 1/2 1000 do. 282 1/2 1000 do. 283 1/2 1000 do. 284 1/2 1000 do. 285 1/2 1000 do. 286 1/2 1000 do. 287 1/2 1000 do. 288 1/2 1000 do. 289 1/2 1000 do. 290 1/2 1000 do. 291 1/2 1000 do. 292 1/2 1000 do. 293 1/2 1000 do. 294 1/2 1000 do. 295 1/2 1000 do. 296 1/2 1000 do. 297 1/2 1000 do. 298 1/2 1000 do. 299 1/2 1000 do. 300 1/2 1000 do. 301 1/2 1000 do. 302 1/2 1000 do. 303 1/2 1000 do. 304 1/2 1000 do. 305 1/2 1000 do. 306 1/2 1000 do. 307 1/2 1000 do. 308 1/2 1000 do. 309 1/2 1000 do. 310 1/2 1000 do. 311 1/2 1000 do. 312 1/2 1000 do. 313 1/2 1000 do. 314 1/2 1000 do. 315 1/2 1000 do. 316 1/2 1000 do. 317 1/2 1000 do. 318 1/2 1000 do. 319 1/2 1000 do. 320 1/2 1000 do. 321 1/2 1000 do. 322 1/2 1000 do. 323 1/2 1000 do. 324 1/2 1000 do. 325 1/2 1000 do. 326 1/2 1000 do. 327 1/2 1000 do. 328 1/2 1000 do. 329 1/2 1000 do. 330 1/2 1000 do. 331 1/2 1000 do. 332 1/2 1000 do. 333 1/2 1000 do. 334 1/2 1000 do. 335 1/2 1000 do. 336 1/2 1000 do. 337 1/2 1000 do. 338 1/2 1000 do. 339 1/2 1000 do. 340 1/2 1000 do. 341 1/2 1000 do. 342 1/2 1000 do. 343 1/2 1000 do. 344 1/2 1000 do. 345 1/2 1000 do. 346 1/2 1000 do. 347 1/2 1000 do. 348 1/2 1000 do. 349 1/2 1000 do. 350 1/2 1000 do. 351 1/2 1000 do. 352 1/2 1000 do. 353 1/2 1000 do. 354 1/2 1000 do. 355 1/2 1000 do. 356 1/2 1000 do. 357 1/2 1000 do. 358 1/2 1000 do. 359 1/2 1000 do. 360 1/2 1000 do. 361 1/2 1000 do. 362 1/2 1000 do. 363 1/2 1000 do. 364 1/2 1000 do. 365 1/2 1000 do. 366 1/2 1000 do. 367 1/2 1000 do. 368 1/2 1000 do. 369 1/2 1000 do. 370 1/2 1000 do. 371 1/2 1000 do. 372 1/2 1000 do. 373 1/2 1000 do. 374 1/2 1000 do. 375 1/2 1000 do. 376 1/2 1000 do. 377 1/2 1000 do. 378 1/2 1000 do. 379 1/2 1000 do. 3